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To achieve this object, a recording/reproducing apparatus according to the invention is designed to record and reproduce data on and from a disk-shaped recording medium that has an address data area having embossed pits and a recording/reproducing area having a wobbling spiral groove. The apparatus comprises: head means for reading address data from the address data area and writing and reading a signal in and from the recording/reproducing area; and wobble-signal processing means for extracting a wobble signal from the signal the head means has read from the recording/reproducing area, and for holding an output from a PLL circuit designed to reproduce a sync signal from the wobble signal at least for a wobble signal disturbance period when switching between recording and reproducing modes.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with the following paragraph corrected as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

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To attain the object mentioned above, a recording/reproducing method according to this invention is designed to record and reproduce data on and from a disk-shaped recording medium that has an address data area having embossed pits and a recording/reproducing area having a wobbling spiral groove. The method comprises the steps of: extracting a wobble signal from a signal read from the recording/reproducing area; and holding an output from a PLL circuit providing a sync signal from the wobble signal at least during a disturbance of the wobble signal occurring for a period of time when switching between recording and reproducing modes.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1 and 6 as shown in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows: